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Resident artist finds inspiration onboard JCS

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DM2(SW/AW) Chad A. Dulac amuses his co-workers (l-r:) AN Wellington Obichere, and DM2 Richie Esquerro with one of his many artistic creations (see photo inset).

For Draftsman Second Class (SW/AW) Chad A. Dulac, creating comic-book style artwork is more than a casual interest or a hobby. It is his passion. It drives him and it is a talent that he excels at.

"I've been drawing since I was six years old," he says. "It's always been a part of my personality."

Dulac, who's assigned to the Operations Department shares that "...The hardest part about breaking into the comic book business is that you have to literally do just that... break into the business."

However, based upon strong word of mouth alone, a Florida based comic company known as Committed Comics contacted Dulac and the publisher decided to send him along a script. From there he created thumbnail sketches to illustrate his vision of the story that he received.

"I scanned my images and e-mailed them back. They liked them and hired me to complete the work." He says. "It's great that a few connections I made in San Diego were able to recommend me and sort of bring me into the fold."

He also feels that there is no conflict between his Navy job and civilian aspirations.

"I've been given a great opportunity to train here for free," he points out enthusiastically. "I'm learning how to direct computer animation, and also how to make multi-level media graphics along with web design. These are highly marketable job skills and just the fact that the Navy pays me to draw still baffles me," he observes.

The diversity of the people within the Navy has also had a strong influence on Dulac and the approach he takes towards his artwork.

"Coming into the Navy has helped to broaden my scope by being around so many different types of people. My artwork now conscientiously aspires to reflect the different looks and facial features we have within the human family," he states then pointedly illustrates by gesturing towards his co-workers within his workshop, "Cultural diversity gives range and depth to any situation. It is something that I definitely want to include in all of my work."

Dulac now spends his free time pursuing a lifelong dream of creating his own comic book titled "The Gifted" which he eventually hopes to sell. The task is monumental because in a genuine sense his goal is to create a universe in which any reader would

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become completely immersed. Through dedication to his dream, promise shows just beyond the horizon.

The Dulac Art Exhibit



These futuristic images depict JCS crewmembers hard at work, as seen through the eyes of artist DM2 (SW/AW) Chad A. Dulac. Departments represented here include Engineering (right), Air (left), Combat Systems (below right), Medical (below center), Weapons (below left).



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Name: EM3 Anthony Joseph Nelson
Assigned to: V-2/Catapult & Arresting Gear Electrician
Hometown: Livermore, CA
Reported Aboard: August 28, 1999
Job Description: "I am responsible for all electrical systems including catapults and arresting gear equipment."
Favorite Movie: Road Trip
Places Visited while in the Navy: Chicago; New York; Pusan, Korea; Hong Kong; Malaysia; Bahrain; Jebel Ali; Perth, Australia; Hobart, Tasmania and Hawaii.
Reason for joining the Navy: "I wanted to travel, save college money, and do something different than what all my friends were doing."
Most memorable event in career: "The day the ship returned from Westpac 2000, knowing that my family was on the pier waiting for me, and that I survived being gone for 6 months."
Hobbies: "Listening to music, hiking, and spending money."

What's in a name?

Aloha! Since my family and I have only been with you a few short months, this will serve as an introduction. My name is Brad Younger. I am a Protestant chaplain (Southern Baptist by background) from California . . . God's country ya' know! My wife's name is Maria Elena and we have three children. Our last command was with the Marines at Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, which together with the fact that I surf may help explain my fixed, silly smile as we anticipate liberty there. As this is our first carrier assignment, I am continuing, on a daily basis, to learn my way around the ship. My introduction to the command and the welcome I've received from everyone has been great. Becoming acquainted with you, the sailors and family members that make up this command has been what's made my time especially interesting and rewarding.

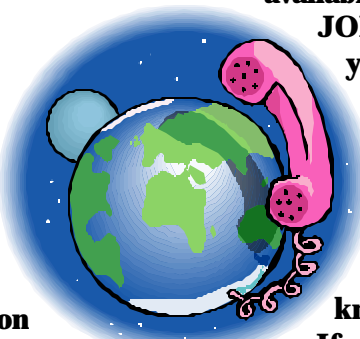
A question that often comes up, for example, in school-of-the-ship or as I walk around the deck plates is "what do I call you?" Some refer to me as Padre or Father, while others call me "chaps" (my personal

pick) or pastor. The point is, as far as I'm concerned, it doesn't really matter what you call me as long as you do call. As one of your chaplains I feel God has placed me here to serve you, to help meet your moral, physical and spiritual needs. This means being

available to you, the sailors and family members of **JOHN C. STENNIS**. Whether it's information you may need concerning family readiness or available resources on base, a concern you may have or issue you're dealing with of a confidential nature, marital counseling, on or off-ship worship opportunities, prayer concerns or simply would like someone "outside the chain" to chat with, please know that I am available and here for you.

If you are new to the ship, welcome aboard! I look forward to meeting you. If you've been here a while and we have not met, which on a ship this size is quite possible, please say hi next time you see me out and about, drop by my office or call. My door is always open and my phone is always available: J7900/7463 or (619) 435-3961(H). And remember, I do not care what you call me, just call.

In Him & for you,
 Chaplain Brad Younger a.k.a. "chaps"



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- 0700 The Waterboy
- 1200 3 Men & Baby
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